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ship by it, the laboring man looks up at noon tides and evening to see whether his time of work is over. And now let us open this clock and look at it. The sun, the moon, the stars, the wind, and the revolving on its axis once every day the sun is made to go across the dial of the sky and mark the hours. The moon goes round the earth once in the month. The earth again makes a circuit around the sun once a year, and turning sometimes her northern, sometimes her southern face to the sun, we have the seasons, alternately summer and winter. Had all this not happened by chance; is there no plan about this clock an Indian would tell us these things.

"O!" says the Atheist, "I see no design in this. There is an inherent force in matter which produces

Well, well, my friend, when grown men talk like obstinate little children it is useless to reason with them. At least, so our Lord thought, and therefore when the Pharisees disputed with him, instead of meeting them with direct argument, he used to reply with a story, which was better adapted to their way of thinking.

language. "I never, and I never," said he, "do I speak in a parable; because when they see, they do not see, and when they hear, they do not hear, they do not understand." Let me give you the whole argument enveloped in a parable. I was present once at an exhibition where, among other things, a little mechanical images called "automata" were made to appear upon the stage and move about. The men and women only a few inches high danced about, while one called off the figure. When times they lay down to sleep, and started up in frightful hearing a noise. An elephant, too, came in of a size of a kitten; bees and flies buzzed around,

paper, went through with a variety of performance with as much apparent ease as if they had been young beings. When all was over, I heard two similar young women conversing together upon what they had just witnessed. "Bridget," said one to the other, "I'm afeared we've done wrong to come to this place. I don't think those little people are real things. May be they're devils." "Don't be troublin' dear," replied Bridget, "I'm not the least afeared."

The girl was right, and showed more reason than some learned men who have been through college. This world is full of little creatures moving about and acting with all the appearance of an intelligence which in truth they do not and cannot possess.

the little birds! What architects! They build homes for themselves far better than you could provide for them. Look at the bees, what cities they build, how they fill their storehouses against winter! Look at the lilies and the roses, those rival belles among the flowers, with their gay dresses more beautiful than any queen ever wore. "Solomon in all his glory," says the Bible, "did not surpass them."

appear to weave these garments for themselves; is there not a hand behind the scenes? The pattern is perfect, but who made the plan? Or, see how the vine does to provide wine for you! It is planted as a mere stick; but it goes on like a thing of life and intelligence, climbing the poles, throwing out its fingers and clinging fast to every support, pushing its leaves to catch the sun, and by and by, at the

Do you see no design in this, no evidence of intelligence and plan? Is it possible that any one can think of these things, and not see behind the scenes the mind and hand of God? But

more than this in nature, something which shows only that God exists, but that He is one.—*Parish Sermons.*

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**NEGROES.**

If John Wesley—dear old John Wesley,—

and rebellious scoundrels in the national Legislature and elsewhere, to arrest the progress of emancipation, we are sure he would address just such a lot of encouragement to Abraham Lincoln, as which we are about to publish. It bears date, 24, 1791. Wesley died March 2, 1791, at the age

before his death; it is well described by the editor of the Life of Wilberforce, as "an animating charge traced upon the bed of death by the faltering lips of the venerable Wesley."

"My dear sir, unless the divine power has raised me up, to be, as *Athanasius contra mundum*, I see how I can ever get on, though I am a plain man."

opposing that execrable villany, which is the scandal of religion of England, and of human nature. Un-  
God has raised you up for this very thing, you  
be worn out by the opposition of men and de-  
but if God be for you, who can be against you?  
all of them stronger than God? O be not weak  
well doing. Go on in the name of God and in

power of his might, till even American slavery  
vilest that ever saw the sun, shall vanish away  
it. That he who has guided you from your y  
up, may continue to strengthen you in this an  
things, is the prayer of, dear sir, your affectio  
servant,  
JOHN WESLEY

In a foot note the editors say :

The expression, at the close of the letter—  
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Wilberforce, was not only the aftergrowth of many years, but also the natural impulse of a young healthy heart. The Rev. Dr. Walmsley, his school fellow, states that Wilberforce evinced his abhorrence of the brutal traffic when he was no more than fourteen years old, and at that time addressed a

Among the elements of our sympathy for the Louis XVI, we may cast into the budget his sympathy for the sufferings of the negro race in 1790, and for some time before, there exists in France, a society, that issued its publications, the title of *Amis du Noir*. These publications,

ing been disseminated in the French West Indies, greatly alarmed the planters, who memorialized the king against the proceedings of the society. Great was their astonishment at the response of majesty—"that he was glad to hear there was a society, and that some of his subjects had humanness enough to concern themselves about the fate of their fellow-creatures."

**AN INCIDENT IN THE CARS.**  
In a car on a railroad which run into New York  
a few months ago, a scene occurred which will not  
be forgotten by the witnesses of it. A person of

"Well, I hope the war may last six months longer. If it does, I shall have made enough to retire from business. In the last six months I've made a hundred thousand dollars—six months more and I shall have enough."

"Sir, I had two sons—one of them was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, the other was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro'."

and she suddenly slapped the speculator, first on the cheek, then on the other, and before the fellow could say a word, the passengers sitting near, who had witnessed the whole affair, seized him and pushed him hurriedly out of the car, as one not fit to ride with decent people.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

**ITEMS.**

"*Hast thou hope?*" they asked of John when he lay dying. He spake nothing, but his finger and pointed upward, and so died.—C

The pleasantest things in the world are pl

If a man is honest and truthful, there is no necessity for him to say much about it.

amber in which a fly is enclosed, perfect and  
 dilated, leaving the beholder to wonder how  
 there and achieved its transparent immo-  
 Sydney Smith once taking it up said, "Per-  
 buzzed in Adam's ear."







sons for this crowd upon my mind, but will only add, I am sure, from three months' observation on the ground, that this work has already been delayed too long.

C. N. Cason, Chaplain 3rd Maine Vols.  
Beaumont, S. C., March 2, 1863.

#### RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

**Worcester, Mass.**—Rev. J. W. Dabney writes: "Old Park Street Church rejoices once more with the cries of the wounded and the songs of the redeemed. For nearly two years we have been laboring with debt. Two years ago we had a conversion, and with the help of our friends we have now paid the debt. The church is now in a position to receive the aid of our friends. For nearly two years we have been laboring with debt. Two years ago we had a conversion, and with the help of our friends we have now paid the debt. The church is now in a position to receive the aid of our friends."

**Chatham, Mass.**—Rev. J. W. Dabney writes: "I think many of our readers will be pleased to hear a good word from Chatham. For some years the stewards of the church have been laboring with debt. Two years ago they felt obliged to reduce the usual estimate by the amount of traveling expenses. At our last Quarterly Conference, held February 7, they paid the whole claim of preacher and Praying Band for the current year, and reported themselves out of debt, with a small amount in the treasury. At a recent board meeting they generously voted to pay the traveling expenses of the previous year. In addition to this, they have been able to improve at an expense of more than one hundred dollars. We have more than doubled the contributions to the missionary cause, while other benevolent interests have not been neglected. During the revival two years ago, a good number of enterprising young men were added to the church. Since that, several others of similar character have been gathered in. This has cheered the hearts of the older brethren, and has given them a new hope. This church has now a strong membership, which is able and willing to sustain its financial and spiritual interests."

**Complimentary.**—Rev. G. M. Carpenter, Presiding Elder of the Providence District, is making his last quarterly visit for the Methodist churches in this city, the present week. He is the quarterly circuit of the City Street Church, last evening, A. D. Hatch, Esq., offered the following complimentary resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the thanks of this Quarterly Conference be hereby rendered to Rev. George M. Carpenter, our Presiding Elder, for the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged his various and arduous duties, not only among us, but so far as has come to our knowledge, in the large and important District over which he has been called for the last two years to preside."—*New Bedford Standard*, March 11th.

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#### PERSONAL.

Rev. E. D. Winslow, Methodist, of Massachusetts, has been re-nominated as Chaplain in the Navy.

Senator Fox refused to take his share of the mileage for the extra session, voted to itself by Congress.

Gen. Hooker was examined, 11th inst., before the War Committee. The first question propounded was as to what cause he attributed the failure of the movement on the Peninsula. He replied, "As I am on my oath, I must answer the question. The failure of that movement was owing to the incompetency of the Commanding General."

Caribaldi's son has written to England that his father is now just able to walk on crutches, and intends to visit England as soon as practicable.

The Count Gurovski, commanding the largest revolutionary force in Poland, is a brother of Adam Gurovski, formerly of New York, whose book has recently been published.

Queen Victoria has prepared the following inscription for a memorial of Prince Albert, which has just been erected at the Bath Union in England: "His life sprung from a deep inner sympathy with God, and with all that was true, beautiful and right."

#### FOREIGN ITEMS.

**Great Britain.**—Washington's birth day was celebrated by a banquet in St. James' Hall, London. Minister Adams replied to a toast to the Union. His remarks were confined to Washington, repudiating the idea that he would, if alive, possibly be found on the side of the rebellion.

Paris. Counting the war, white, mothers of Parliament, both spoke of denunciation of slavery as the cause of the war, and in terms of sympathy with the North.

In the House of Commons, on the 23d ult., Mr. Dixon characterized the deportation of the negro regiment from Europe by the Emperor of France as worse than a revival of the slave trade. Lord Palmerston said the transaction was a disgrace to the British Government.

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#### NEWS FROM THE WAR.

**From the Army of the Potomac.**—A party of guerrillas, part of them residents of Fairfax Court House, entered that place on the night of March 9, and seized General Slocum at his headquarters, some distance from his command, and carried him off with other prisoners. An expedition, composed of the First Maine Cavalry, crossed the Rappahannock below Fredericksburg, and captured several guerrillas and rebel officers, together with a lot of medical stores, boots, shoes, blankets, horses, mules, &c. Several guerrillas' boats were destroyed, and a grain warehouse burned. A dispatch says the pickets of the enemy along certain portions of the line on the opposite side of the Rappahannock are one-half negroes and one-half white men. The negroes are armed and equipped the same as the whites. The fact appears beyond a question, only 100 or 150 years ago, that the negroes are pickets and the enemy's, and they are plainly to be distinguished without the aid of a glass.

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**The Illinois Canal Project.**—Since the defeat of the bill to connect the great lakes with the Mississippi River, the Chicago Board of Trade has recommended the building of a ship canal to connect Lake Huron with the Ottawa River. The Ottawa is in Canada, and rises north of Lake Huron, running southeast and entering the St. Lawrence River east of the lake. The proposed route would bring Montreal 500 miles nearer Chicago than New York City, and save 15 cents per bushel on freight, which is now 60 cents per bushel, and the corn would be in good condition, being transported through a cool climate. The Mississippi is not considered a good outlet for breadstuffs as the warm, moist climate spoils it. During times of peace but an insignificant amount is shipped from New Orleans.

**Practical Fidelity.**—Massachusetts has just shown her faith in the United States Government by investing over \$700,000 in United States securities.

An oil refinery in Buffalo, N. Y., has been confiscated, with its contents, for an attempt of the proprietors to evade the United States tax. The value of the property is some \$18,000.

**From the Army of the Mississippi.**—On the 27th of February a coal barge was sent down the river from the fleet above Vicksburg. It was furnished with four caiks to represent the fleet, and was sent down in order to draw the fire of the Vicksburg batteries and ascertain their position. This object was accomplished, and according to the rebel accounts something more, for they in their flight blew up the Indiana which they were repairing, and the Queen of the West ran off so speedily that she left part of her crew behind. The rebels are supposed to be drifting down the river, and the character of the drifting monster, and the character of the fleet of the Indiana, under additional disadvantages.

**The Yazoo Pass route** is said to be a success. A correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat gives a clear description of the route. On the eastern side of the Mississippi, with a but few hundred yards intervening, lies Moon Lake; a cut was made from the lake to the river. The pass between the lake and the Yazoo River, a branch of the Yazoo River, and is six miles long. Both its banks are studded with a formidable growth of heavy cypress, sycamore and cotton-wood trees, the giant branches of which unite and form a rustic roof over the head of the stream. The channel was almost entirely blocked up with heavy logs, and the enterprise entailed the cutting of all overhanging obstacles, and the removal of the trees and limbs that threw into and across the stream, as well as the removal of the logs and debris.

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